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I would like to share this lovely book, recommended by Ms Jane Chen.

The World Needs Who You were Made to Be
(Joanna Gaines)

This is a book that illustrates how different people came together, zealously contributing with their strengths and gifts to build their hot-air balloons... and together filling up the sky with such beautiful colours!

The Author, Joanna, says

"I hope that you know and love who you are for all of the beautiful and unique and magical gifts you have to offer to the world.

May you always look at life with your eyes wide open. Be quick to learn from others and see and celebrate the differences in all of humanity. Be kind to others and to yourself.

And may you always believe that the world needs who you were made to be."

Yes, WE all have it!

For the hot air balloons to take flight, each person must do his/her part well!

It is exactly like what we advocate in our Marymount family.

First, we recognise that we each have our own strengths, gifts and talents and we all can and must contribute! However, we want each of you to keep growing your unique talents and strengths with zeal! Just like one of our morning prayers, we pray to God that we will

recognise that there will always be ways for us to

improve, to get better. But we must start from a place of strength, grateful for the gifts and talents that we are blessed with.

Teachers show it!

You can see how our teachers lead by example - they continue to grow their skills! They learn new strategies and refine their SLS lessons, so that in the event of a HBL, your learning can continue effectively. This zeal to continuously upgrade themselves stems from their genuine care for you, your well-being and your growth.

Likewise, I see many of you are growing. From the many activities captured and shared on FB and Instagram, I can see your diligence in learning with zeal at the OELE programmes, CCAs, in classes and at learning corners around the School.

We just have to do it!

So remember to once again take the time to reflect this holiday, and ask yourself, "What are my talents and gifts? What do I really enjoy doing? Am I growing these strengths? Am I zealous in my learning and character development journey? How can I be of help using my gifts and talents?"

Take time to read, explore and discover! Be a blessing to someone this holiday! And then, just go and do it!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mrs Allison Lim



Every January, our Marymount family holds the Light Ceremony to kick-start the year. It is a unique tradition for our school where all of us commit to share God's light with everyone around us and that includes our talents, gifts, knowledge, wisdom, strengths and most importantly, our love and compassion.

Prior to the pandemic, we would come together physically as a school to commemorate the ceremony. However, with the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to come up with creative ways to mark the occasion whilst ensuring everyone's safety. Hence, this year, we had a livestream of the ceremony with everyone participating from their classrooms.

It began with an opening hymn. Our school supervisor, Sr Delphine, lit the main candle and led in the prayers. The flame was passed on from Sr Delphine to the school leaders, then to the teachers and eventually to the pupil representatives. While this was going on, the pupil representatives in the classrooms held a larger paper cutout of a candle on which my classmates and I pasted our little paper candles.

The day before, we had already decorated each of our paper candles with our names and a talent of ours. We also wrote how our gifts could be shared with others. It was an activity that allowed us to reflect on how we could use our talents and abilities for the good of the community.

At the end of the day, my peers and I felt truly humbled and enlightened. The symbolic act of lighting the candle and passing on the flame is a really meaningful reminder that God's Light is in all of us and it is our duty to share it with those around us in line with our school motto, God is our Light.

Muthu Loshwini
(5 Perseverance)



Light Ceremony @ MCS



农历新年除夕，学校华文部门举办了精彩的庆祝活动。一早，许多同学都穿上漂亮的传统服装来到学校一起欢庆佳节，全校都洋溢着欢愉的气氛。

升旗礼过后，各班就开始进行有趣的课堂活动。今年，我们高年级的同学被安排制作老虎造型的红包封。首先，我们按照指示和步骤折好红包封。接着，大家都发挥了自己的想象力和创意，在折好的红包封上写上新年祝福语，然后利用贴纸装饰自己的红包封。同学们一个个顿时变成了设计师，设计出一款款独一无二的红包封呢！

课堂活动结束后，当然少不了一系列的线上节目。老师们表演了“年的传说”，一群六年级同学也制作了和新年习俗有关的短剧，让同学们进一步了解华族文化及新年习俗。通过学生司仪的讲解，同学们也了解到许多新年食品的寓意，真让我们获益良多、增长了不少知识。新年节目当然少不了由体育老师们呈现的舞狮表演。最后，庆祝活动在欢乐的气氛中结束了，而最让我惊喜的是班主任和数学老师都给同学们发了幸运饼，希望同学们在这一年里都能得到“好运气”。

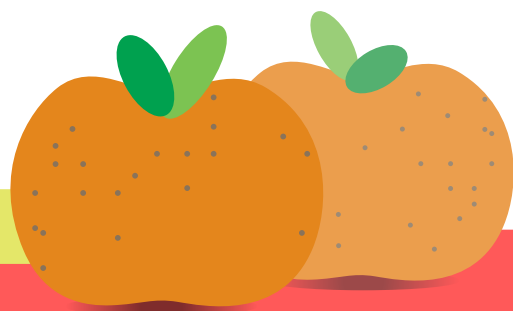
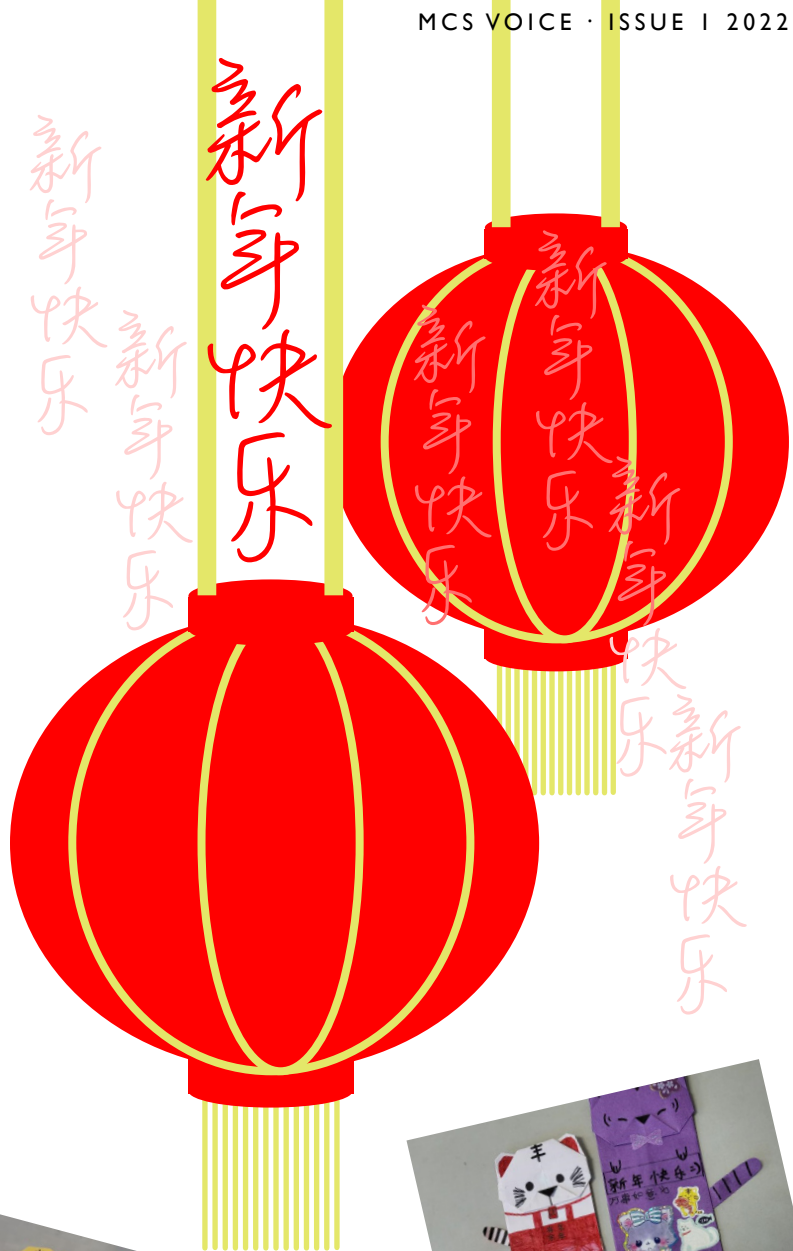
农历新年一早，睡眼朦胧的我爬到窗边，只见五颜六色的彩旗在空中飘荡着，把映入眼帘的景色变成了一条彩布。细看之下，才发现原来有好几个身材魁梧的男士正抬着舞龙、舞狮在公寓楼下舞动着。看见眼前这好不热闹的情景，我雀跃地跳下了床，这一年最期盼的节日终于到来了！

我换上新衣后，便看见隔壁的叔叔阿姨手里拿着红包过来我家拜年。他们脸带笑容地向我们祝贺一番。这时，我眼珠一溜，看见阿姨手提包里的巧克力，便甜甜地说了一句：“阿姨，祝您永葆青春！”不出所料，阿姨听我这么一说，笑得合不拢嘴，除了给我红包之余，还送了我一盒巧克力呢！

在这喜庆的节日里，妈妈在餐桌上摆放着一碟碟农历新年必不可少的小吃和佳肴，例如：萝卜糕、年糕、饺子、瓜子、开心果等等，多不胜数！对我而言，今年分外重要，因为我即将要面对小六会考，所以我得多吃点年糕，希望学业能“步步高升”！

年初一那天的夕阳分外红，用自己的余辉染红了在蓝天里游荡的白云。挂在天边的月亮和云朵相映成趣，帮天空换了一套新的衣裳。我在阳台上眺望着这片柔和的景色，嘴角情不自禁地翘了起来。农历新年不仅是一个欢愉的节日，对我来说更是格外特别的日子。想到这里，我深吸一口气，笑眯眯地对着天空说：“2023的农历新年，我等着你啊！”

曹梓盈 Tso Tsz Ying
(六谦卑 6 Humility)



SHARING ON THE VALUE OF *ZEAL*

When I was first approached to present for the 'Speak Well' programme, I knew I had to talk about the value of zeal and wondered what I could share about. Being the Head Prefect, I was the first student to present to the school and I wanted to be a good role model to my peers. After a few days, I finally decided to share about the famous badminton player- Loh Kean Yew.

As I started to work on my script, I had to read news articles and watch interviews to sieve out the information that I needed.

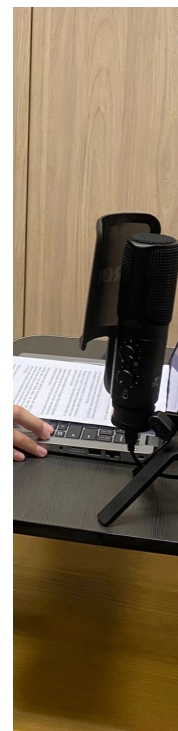
Once I was done with editing my script and slides, I had to rehearse during recess, working on my pitch, volume and expression.

On the day I was supposed to present my speech, my teachers cheered me on before I presented. They also reminded me to speak slower and loudly. It was such a relief when I was done with my presentation.

I felt so encouraged and am very grateful to have had the opportunity to present my speech in front of the whole school.

Elena Au
Head Prefect
(6 Gratitude)

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ZEAL

What do our Primary One girls love about Marymount?

Our Primary 1 girls have been with us since January 2022. We checked in with them recently, to find out what they love about being part of the Marymount family.



1G: LAURA LEE YIXIN

I love PAL because I learn new skills like typing.



1H: CHOYING LAMA

I like my school because it is big and nice. I have many friends too.



1Z: EMMA JOHANKA LEONG

I love Mathematics because I like counting.



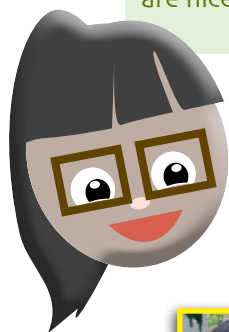
1C: YASMINE ALEXANDRA HOBBS

I love Marymount because the teachers are nice.



1I: YEO RUI XIN ASHLEY

I love the teachers. They are very kind.



1P: MERIDA TEO KER XING

I love the library because it is fun and I get to borrow many books.



1RT: ZOE AARON

I love my teachers, my friends, and the staff.

1RY: ABBY NG JU SHUANG

I love everything about the school.



It is so heartening to see that our girls have settled in well into their new learning environment and are enjoying what they do at MCS! We love how zealous and grateful they are about their learning experiences at school!

Well done, P1s! We are so proud of all of you.